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10th Anniversary Promises an Evening to Remember

Grab your tux, dust off your dancin' shoes, and call your date. We did it. The Owaspippe Staff Association proudly announces (announcements, announcements, announcements) that it will host its 10th, yes folks, 10th annual meeting and dinner dance on **Saturday, March 5th** at Giannotti's Banquet Hall, 7709 W. Roosevelt in Forest Park.

This year's event is being billed as the greatest in our history. Giannotti's, the site of two previous dances, always provides a wonderful setting for our great reunions. Last year, more than 140 members, their friends and families, attended. Chauncey and Mary Beth Niziol are once again coordinating the festivities, and they guarantee a rip roarin' party for all.

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. to a period of fellowship. As an added treat to encourage our members to arrive early, cocktails and hot hors d'oeuvres (Egg Rolls, Italian Sausage, Pigs in Blanket, French Fried Scallops, Pizza and Garlic Bread, and Wing Dings) will be served before dinner. An important event scheduled before dinner is our annual election. This year, members will vote to fill four (4) positions on the Board of Directors. Members may qualify to vote by paying their 1988 dues at the event.

Our menu for the evening has been expanded to mark the significance of our anniversary celebration: soup, salad, New York Strip Steak, baked potato, and chocolate parfait. Wine will be served with our meal. A short but meaningful program will follow the meal, consisting of membership recognition and the introduction of our 1988 Board of Directors. A full open bar will be available before and after dinner.

After the program, our members will have plenty of time to renew acquaintances with old friends or join in the fun on the dance floor. We've lined up a new deejay to keep the evening rockin'. We'll hold our usual raffle, but we promise to have some new surprises for our members and their friends. The cost for the banquet is \$25 per ticket for tickets purchased before February 19, 1988.

After this date, ticket prices are increased to \$30. Reservations must be made in advance by check or money order, payable to the OSA.

The annual meeting is truly a tribute to you, the members of the OSA. For the last ten years we have seen our numbers grow and our accomplishments increase. Through the generosity and efforts of our members, Owaspippe continues to offer the finest camping facility in the Midwest. Come celebrate a great camp and the wonderful memories we have forged within it. For one evening in March, let us raise our hands and voices high and show our support for Owaspippe and the Owaspippe Staff Association by attending this year's party. If you have any questions, please call Chauncey or Mary Beth at 562-4874.

P.S. Tuxedos not required.

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President's Perspective

by George Johnson



The last time I wrote this column I asked, "Hey Buddy, can you spare some time," and many of our members found they could and have offered to do something extra for Owaspippe and for the Association. The time is now upon us to consider who will provide OSA leadership for the forthcoming year. Elections are upon us for directors of the corporation. Four directors are leaving the Board, and Ron Kulak is actively reviewing nominations to fill those available positions.

Time is an important factor to consider when selecting members to serve on the Board. Members who serve must be available to attend monthly meetings and participate in a large portion of OSA events. True, it's not as much time as a unit leader puts in, but managing this organization in a fiscally responsible manner and being responsive to the needs and interests of the membership takes a special commitment on the part of each director.

Board members often do much of the coordination and planning that goes into our many events in order to make them the great successes we have enjoyed throughout our history. The event chairpersons do the work, but need the support of an enthusiastic and committed Board of Directors. In voting for these very important positions on our Board, reflect on the qualities of the many fine individuals who have served our organization well in the past. By all means, cast your vote now. And please, consider placing your name in nomination in the future. We need the strong efforts of all our members in order to meet the challenges and opportunities of the next decade.

ABOUT THE DUES: The Board of Directors is responsible to insure that the OSA can meet its financial obligations, which include providing information and services to our members and the Owaspippe Scout Reservation. As a result, the Board recently took a hard look at the real-world costs of running our Association. Using the actual expenses for the 1986 year, the Board found that we spent just over \$14.25 per member for that year. This statistic was based on expenses of \$3,675.00 for the year divided by 258 active members. As you can see, we spent \$9.25 per member more than the \$5.00 collected from each member in 1986. Expenses in 1987 were following the pattern of '86, and the Board realized that it was time to raise the dues, for the first time in our ten-year history. A Life Membership still costs \$100.00, but is under review at the present time. Inflation and the real world of rising costs forced the Board to arrive at the difficult decision to raise dues and defer some expenditures for the sake of maintaining a sound financial base with which to move with the OSA into its second decade.

Amazing Graces I Remember

by Pat Monahan

I ate lunch in the Carlen Dining Hall in July, and I noted that the pre-meal ritual hadn't much changed. Waiters still scurried about tables, and Jim Gallagher led grace. His grace was simple, thanking God for the warm sun and all the good scouting. I liked it, but I couldn't help remembering other graces I'd heard in dining halls. Things weren't always so simple.

In 1968, George DesLaurier, our assistant camp director, complained regularly about Fred, a member of our nature staff who couldn't tell a tree from a frog. He was, it seemed, ill suited to the North woods. But one day George asked Fred to say grace. Fred thanked the Lord for the beauty of the morning, and then went on, a full five minutes, extolling the virtues of the woods, which he seemed not to enjoy at all. He had, it seemed, a talent after all, and so each day for the next week, Fred said grace. On a good day, he could go for six or seven minutes. No matter that the meals grew cold and scouts fidgeted at their seats, here was a master of benediction.

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Children Enjoy the Magic of Christmas

On Sunday, December 13, the OSA children were once again treated to a special Christmas party by Ron and Mary Pezdek, who coordinated this event for the second year running. "Jabber" the Clown entertained all with her magic tricks and stunts while all waited in anxious anticipation for the Big Man from the North, Santa (aka Matt Nezda), who parked his reindeer outside and presented marvelous gifts to the youngsters.



Jabber entertains the Monahan children.



Jabber in a quiet moment with an excited child



Jabber the Clown with Matt Pezdek, one of her magical helpers at the OSA Christmas Party

Our thanks go to Rose Meatpacking for the tasty food (especially the chicken nuggets) and to those who donated a variety of Christmas treats and pastries. Fourteen kids were in attendance from the following families: Andrlich, Crissey, Haro, Kulak, Monahan, and Pezdek. Ron and Mary have pledged their services for next year's Christmas party. We hope we can improve on the attendance next year, and bring all the OSA children out for an afternoon of good food, singing and gifts.



The children stare in fascination at the surprises at the OSA Christmas Party.

Newsbriefs



Winging to Owaspippe in Style

For those of you who would rather fly to camp instead of drive, Simmons Airlines now operates 10 flights daily on its American Eagle Service between O'Hare International Airport and Muskegon County International Airport. Midway airlines is also running 10 flights daily to Muskegon from Chicago's Midway Airport. Flight time is less than an hour!

Bike Trail To Open Near Owaspippe

Members of the OSA who are bicycle enthusiasts will be glad to hear of a new bike trail to be opened this summer by the Michigan DNR. A 23.3-mile "linear state park" called the Oceana-Muskegon Recreational Trail will be constructed for a cost of just over \$500,000 and will run from Montague to Hart. The Montague entrance to the trail is only ten minutes from Camp Blackhawk, just up the WWW road (Wrong Way to Whitehall).

1988 Key Staff Named

Reservation Director	Jerry Sanders
Asst. Res. Director of Services	Don Studeven
Asst. Res. Director of Program	Dave Schlichting
Blackhawk Director	Ed Kinnerk
Robert Crown Director	Peter Klaeser
Wolverine Director	Frank Wiatrowski
Reneker Director	Terry Horvath
Director of Food Services	Hank Steggall

Editor's Note: At this time, a decision to open Camps Carlen and Robert Crown as separate camps has not been made. The Council is reviewing population projections prior to determining the status of these camps for 1988. In 1987, Bob Damen directed the Big "C," a combined camp joining the programs of Robert Crown and Carlen.

Skiers Tour Trails at Owaspippe

Owaspippe again hosted the Muskegon Loppet. It is a combination 15k and 5k cross-country ski event circling the Lake Wolverine area. Its other co-sponsors are Muskegon's Mercy Hospital and the Muskegon YFCA. One of the Midwest's finest events of its kind, this year's loppet, held on January 16, boasted enrollment by almost 1200 skiers.

Staff Members of the Year 1987

A tradition at Owaspippe has been the selection of a staff member at each camp as staff member of the year. This tradition continued in 1987 with the selection of another terrific group of staff members:

Administration Center	Howard Shane
Apprentice Program	Dexter Holt
Camp Blackhawk	Joanie Buzielini
	Tim Stoffregen
Camp Carlen	Jim Sabiria
Camp Robert Crown	Dan Dowling
Camp Wolverine	Frank Wiatrowski

Time Capsule Buried at Owaspippe

At the final staff banquet, Jim Gallagher requested donations of various paraphernalia to be buried in a reservation time capsule. The scheduled unearthing is for 1992. Our readers will all remember the daring recovery of a Blackhawk time capsule in 1985 spearheaded by noted archeologists Ed Kinnerk and Sheridan Nunn. They had waited ten years. Why, one might ask, will Jim wait only five years? Another mystery of Owaspippe.

Tired Outposts To Be Rested in 88

A number of outposts will not operate at Owaspippe in '88: Fishing, Indian Lore, and Survival. During the past two years, their popularity has tapered off, and they have been difficult to staff properly. The popular horse corral and sailing base will continue. Project COPE and Pack N Paddle will receive a new emphasis this summer. A Task Force will soon be appointed by Chuck Nagel, chairman of the CAC Outdoor Program Committee, to evaluate the programs at Owaspippe and to initiate the development of new programs for the summer of 89.

"Merit Badges" Awarded To Key Staff

For their services and situations, a number of senior staffers at Owaspippe this summer were bestowed with honorary merit badges by Reservation Director Jerry Sanders: cooking merit badge, Hank Steggall; computer merit badge, Dave Schlichting, fishing merit badge, Bill Schaefer, and home repair merit badge, Tony Krier.

Dedication Ceremony Marks the Achievement of Our Project

A homecoming and range dedication celebration was held at Owaspippe on the weekend of August 1-2. Several former Owaspippe staff members enjoyed a full day of activities at Owaspippe.

Most toured the reservation, visiting the new dining halls at Blackhawk and Carlen (Sauger Lake) and the two new field sports ranges built by the OSA at the Spring Fix-it 87, at camps Wolverine and Robert Crown. The ranges were open to OSA members. Other OSA members saw our projects at Owaspippe for the first time, including the shower house at Camp Wolverine. These projects stand as testimonies to the dedication of OSA members. Other members enjoyed swimming in the Wolverine pool and boating on Wolverine lake. The weekend was hosted by John Maluta, OSA Vice President.

Everyone had a chance to get together at a wonderful banquet hosted by Hank Steggall at Ad Center. More than fifty members of the present camp staff joined in the dedication celebration with OSA members and their families. George Johnson, OSA President and Pat Monahan, Project Coordinator, formally dedicated the ranges in a presentation to Jerry Sanders, Owaspippe's current Reservation Director. Jerry thanked the members of the OSA for their continuing support of the programs of Owaspippe.



Hank Steggall carves the steamship round at the OSA Range Dedication celebration.



Jerry Sanders, Reservation Director, with George Johnson at the Dedication

Like last year, the weekend provided OSA members with an opportunity to rekindle their memories of camp. To walk through summer woods at OSR is something special, and we encourage all our members to make a visit to Owaspippe. Better yet, plan to come to the Spring Fix-it. There is always plenty of time to share stories with friends at the Fix-it.



Pat Monahan delivers dedication plaque to Bill Gerber from Camp Robert Crown.

The Galloping Grapevine



CUBMASTER KULAK . . . Cub Pack 442 of Stewart Ridge Congregational Church in Tinley Park has a new Cubmaster in the person of (YES!) **Marilyn (Young) Kulak**. As you reread this sentence and marvel at the new feminism in scouting, please also take note that this lady, of course, anointed this author as the Grand Exalted Unofficial Advisor to the Cubmaster, a title gladly accepted to foster harmonious family life for the "old man." The cub pack of roughly 65-70 boys also has on its roster Peter Kulak (bear) and Nicholas Kulak (bobcat). This is really scary!

BLUE LAKE'S FINEST . . . In the October 6th "Fire Protection Week" issue of the White Lake Beacon, **Bob Halston** was featured with his crew of volunteer fireman before their neatly-waxed Engine 1421. The rather imposing photo (unavailable for reproduction here) was more like a scene from the "Dirty Dozen" than from a setting on Owasippe Road. However, they all appeared "at-the-ready," but without their dalmatian. Not in the pic was a newer addition to their corps, but no stranger to Owasippe, **Joe Klefer**.



The new John and Jayne (Kelly) Kosik leave St. Clements Church in style on their wedding day.

A PUBLISHING MACHINE . . . **Jim Marshall** has recently published a paper, "An Atlas of American Geometry" in *Ohio Archaeologist* about his surveys and maps of prehistoric earthworks.

CLIMBING THE CORPORATE LADDER . . . **Tina Steifel** has recently been promoted to Manager of Employment and Training with the Robert Bosch Corp. **Gordie "Mr. Mom" Steifel** was last seen selling real estate and consulting. Gordie is on leave from Loyola until 10/88.

GOODING'S GROVE ACTIVIST . . . Unincorporated Will County, Homer Township, just West of Orland Park may soon incorporate as a town, whose name has not appeared since the late 1800's. **Kurt Koegler**, a prior Owasippe water polo ringer and aqua/nature man, now a CPA, is actively involved with the Committee to Incorporate Homer Township. Kurt co-presented the case for incorporation before a packed public gathering on August 10. He hopes to place a referendum before the voters in November 1988, and until then will continue to educate the public. Fire-up, Kurt.

KANTORSKI COMEBACK . . . **Steve Kantorski** made a triumphant return to Camp Wolverine this summer (goose and all) with a large complement of scouts the likes of which have been seen there since Kulak and Behnke parked their boots at Mt. Olympus on staff row. Although he didn't duplicate the famous Wolverine Channel Monkey Bridge, Steve says, "Wait until next year." We congratulate Steve not only on his homecoming, but also on his son's induction into the Order of the Arrow. (Boy, do I feel old!)

WEDDING BELLS . . . An August '88 wedding is planned for **Regina Wood** and Joseph Keifer who are planning to reside in the Tinley Park area. Gina is an elementary school teacher in Orland Park. Previously, she was a district executive with the Chicago Area Council, BSA and worked many years at Camp Reneker. Best wishes, Gina.

MUMBA-ONE-SON . . . On August 20, the stork made a perfect landing at the **Wolff-Klammer** residence in Skokie, Illinois, where it dropped off a strapping new boy to **Edgar and Diane**. Kurt checked in at 10:20 A. M. and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 21 inches long. Congrats on #1.

IT'S MILLER TIME . . . Around September 16, that same featured express worker its way west toward the Mississippi to Galesburg, Illinois, Where Brian Daniel was brought to **Larry and Nancy Miller**. Young Daniel presented himself at 20 inches and a healthy 6 lbs. 11 oz. Best wishes to the 2nd born.

SHAPING UP AS A POLITICAL BATTLE . . . On the Cicero Political front, two members hold adversary roles in precinct 71. While **Mike Frederick** is the Republican precinct captain, **Scott Reid** is his Democratic counterpart. We wish them well and . . . may the independent candidate win! Have fun, guys, but whatever, keep those garbage cans coming in.

ANYONE WANT SECONDS? . . . **Tim and Mary Gentile** greeted the arrival of their second born, Nicole Marie, on August 19th. Nicole weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Tim continues to serve scouting as the Order of the Arrow Advisor to the Nendawen Chapter of Owaspippe Lodge.

OUR STORK WORKS OVERTIME . . . On October 15, at 8:17 A.M. Eric Kevin **McMahon** was born to his proud parents, **Kevin and Mary**. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8oz. at 20 inches. We wish them well and also extend our congratulations to the grandparents, **Joe and Mary Tyepitaner**, also OSA members.



Martin and Wanda (Blackwell) Young share a joyful moment at their wedding reception.

TELESCOPING FOR SCOPE . . . According to Ranger Bill Horo at Camp Kiwanis, **Bruce "Scope" Kreja** tied the matrimonial knot in October and was even spotted at the wedding in a tuxedo! As more information becomes retrieved by our field correspondents, we will immediately make it available to you regarding the identity of the lovely lady who would dare ruin Mr. Kreja's bachelor bliss. Stay Tuned.

GOLDEN MEMORIES . . . Our heartiest congratulations go out to **Glenn and Madeline Roberts**, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June. This event kicked off a 16-week stay in Michigan, much of which was spent at Owaspippe in service to the camp, including work with the senior camp. This was the Roberts' 15th consecutive summer at OSR!

PUTTING ON THE TIE . . . We are pleased to learn of the recent promotion of **Mike O'Reilly** as Operations Manager at Western Intermodal Services. Mike, one of our Board members, is already in Los Angeles experiencing sticker shock at the cost of living. **Mary Kaye**, his wife, will follow him in March when she completes her teaching responsibilities here. Mary Kay hopes to soon be teaching again in L. A. Mike has recently resigned from the Board of Directors; he will be missed. Best of luck to both in their new assignments. Congrats and best wishes.

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ON A ROLL WITH BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . **Greg and Brenda O'Brien** welcomed their daughter, Brittany Rose, on August 26 at 7:12 a.m. Brit was 8 lbs. 1 oz. Congrats!

TAKING OKLAHOMA SCOUTING BY STORM . . . **Bill and Judi Lotter** extend their greeting to all from Owasso, Oklahoma. Both are very active in scouting. Bill is Cubmaster of Pack 898 of Indian Nation's Council and Judi is their scouting coordinator. With 93 cubs, it's the largest pack in the Council. Judi is also a Brownie troop leader, and Bill just became his district's training chairman. Can scoutmaster be far in the future?

STUDYING HARD, REALLY . . . **John Petrauskas** is alive and well working full time at the First National Bank of Chicago in the Electronic Funds Unit as a computer programmer. While earning a living, John goes to school part-time at Depaul University, where he is earning a B. S. in Computer Science. . . just 20 classes to go! Hang in there, John, and best wishes.

A THANKLESS JOB, THIS RESEARCH . . . **Frank and Jo Ann Accardi** are planning another great Seniors Camp at Owaspippe for 88, this time beginning on June 25 in conjunction with staff week. In preparation for their program, they wanted some fresh ideas so they went on a cruise on the S. S. Norway. Frank is also planning to be a campfire balladeer or a cabin serenader by taking guitar lessons. Keep on strummin'. Anyone interested in this program can call them for more information at 795-5132. P. S. Daughter **Vicki** and son-in-law Scott are also planning a big event in June, the birth of their first child!

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As the week progressed, we began to understand why Fred would serve only one year on camp staff. In his graces, he described all his fears of the woods, thanking the Lord for Deep Woods OFF, which protected him from the bird-like mosquitoes, for well marked trails, which prevented him from veering from the path into the dark spaces between the trees, and for sand beaches, which allowed him to enjoy the water without venturing into its icy depths. At each meal, Fred explored his paranoia vividly. No one had more to be thankful for than Fred.

After a week, we all tired of Fred's lengthy graces and tried to cut him off with a well-placed Amen. Fred generally ignored such interruptions, and so some of us resorted to stronger methods. John Pischl, in a particularly foul mood, decided the whole idea of grace had gone too far and at one meal led the assembly in three cheers for God: Hip Hip HOORAH. A one-eyed commissioner, offended by what he perceived as John's irreverence, demanded that we all say grace again. A lengthy debate ensued. Could one actually say two graces before a meal, regardless of the quality of the first grace? Did a cheer constitute a grace? The theological discussion waged on until one particularly large scoutmaster shouted, "That's it, I'm eatin'."

Fred never regained his stature after this incident. After that, we said the Philmont grace: "For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank you, Oh Lord." This grace served nicely, non-denominational and all, until 1976 when, after a particularly stirring rendition, a young boy turned to John Grout and asked, "Who be Raymond." "Not Raymond," John corrected, "it's raiment." "Who he?" the boy asked. Indeed, who was he? No one seemed to know. "That's a mountain at Philmont," one knowledgeable scouter suggested. A trucker disagreed. He thought the kid was right; it was Raymond, "Ray Hale, the ranger, the guy with the gas key." Our aquatic director believed it had to do with the sun, "the rays, you know." No, we didn't know, and we all wondered if we could actually ask for a blessing from God if we didn't know what we were asking for. Finally, a particularly scholarly leader informed us that raiment meant clothing. "Well, why didn't they just say clothing," the trucker asked. "Those Philmont guys are all messed up."

We did have an irreverent grace at Stuart one year. We said it solemnly, but surely meant it irreverently. We ascribed the grace to an old trapper. Scouts, I'm sure,

saw a religious hermit who wandered the woods. We saw, instead, an alcoholic immigrant who frequented the local tavern and whom we had nicknamed Trapper. The grace itself was inoffensive, but its meaning hinged upon the pronunciation, which we experimented with a good deal. "If you ask the devil for a piece of meat, he will give you a stone. If you ask the Lord for a piece of meat, he will give you a piece of meat." I have not taught this grace to my children.

The silliest grace I ever heard at Owasippe didn't happen at Owasippe at all, but at the Village Inn, the local tavern where roll call was held every Thursday night. Bill Lotter and I had convinced Jerry, the owner, to switch to Budweiser, but first we needed to drink up the Black Label. The occasion was a solemn one, a quest of sorts, and so we thought it fitting to begin with grace. Our chosen speaker was Rabbi Ralph, a wiry man with a terrible, incomplete beard and a campaign hat which he never removed. "Oh Lord," he began, "we do not ask your blessing for what we are about to do, for that would be presumptuous. Nor do we ask for your forgiveness, for that would be premature. We ask only for your understanding." We all agreed that he had made the perfect grace for the occasion.

So I listened to Jim Gallagher's grace last July, feeling pretty good. He had managed to get it said in a minimum of time and hadn't raised any natty theological problems. Not bad, I thought.

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Familiar Names Headline Apprentice Roster for 1988



Gathered about the '87 apprentices, lower left, Ron Kulak; upper left, Chauncey, upper-right, Frank Chlebek, lower right, Tom Bolbot

Some well known family names appear on this year's apprentice roster: Fass, Kantorski, Lavine, and Brinkman. These young men follow the path their fathers walked just a "few" years ago. Already, this group of apprentices looks like a terrific one, and who could expect anything less with such breeding.

Applications are still being accepted for the 1988 summer. Interviews have taken place in January and February, and more candidates have been interviewed this year (32) than in any of the last four years.

Openings in the program still do exist for qualified individuals who are 15 and of star rank by the opening of camp. Interested applicants may apply at any time up to the opening of camp. Candidates must be of strong character with unit leaders' recommendations. Apprentices will go through a weekend orientation at Camp Kiwanis on April 29 and 30, a week-long training period, and two-week rotational duties at Owasppe. Inquiries and application requests may be phoned-in to Ron Kulak, 429-5596.

OSA Membership Continues to Grow

Under the leadership of Bill Schaefer, membership chairman, the OSA enjoyed another successful summer at Owasppe. Fifteen new members have joined the OSA. In this newsletter, we'll introduce some of our new members. You'll meet others in subsequent issues.

A hearty welcome is extended to **Father Norb Mayday**, who in 1987 completed his twentieth year of service to Owasppe as Catholic Chaplain. Father Mayday spends much of his time in troop sites, and he is always available to help out staffs and scouts. The OSA also welcomes **Carol Huffman**, who is presently a resident of Owasppe, where she lives with her husband, Marv, a full-time ranger on the property. Carol has worked at Ad Center during the summer for the last four years and

has also served as a district training chairman. She has also worked at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Carol and Marv have two children.

William Gerber, a member of the 87 Crown/Carlen staff, is also a new member of the OSA. A retired member of the Army and the Michigan State Police, Bill is an eagle scout and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He has also served on staffs at camps Gerber and Paul Bunyan. During the 87 season, Bill served as Field Sports Director, opening the new rifle range built by the OSA. Also new members are **Arturo Castro** and **Anthony Ward Sr.** Arturo was a scouter at Owasppe in 87. He is employed by E. W. Kniep Inc. Anthony has served as a
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scout leader for six years, five summers at Owaspippe. He is currently employed By SOA Security.

Frank Wiatrowski, Jr. joins the OSA after one year on the Owaspippe staff. Frank worked at Wolverine as the Senior Commissioner and Assistant Camp Director. In 1988, Frank will direct Camp Wolverine. The OSA welcomes Frank into his new position. He'll have some big shoes to fill, where he follows Bill Schaefer into a position which Bill occupied for seventeen years. Also a new member is **Mark Nilson**. Mark served at Owaspippe for three years, as a CIT in 1977, at Wolverine South as trading post manager in 1978, and on aquatics at Wolverine in 1979. Another new member is **Greg O'Brien**, whose experience at Owaspippe dates back to 1976 as a CIT at Camps Crown and Stuart and in 1977 on aquatics at Robert Crown. Greg resides in Niles, IL and is employed by Allstate Insurance as a financial analyst.

While membership in the OSA continues to grow, the OSA has always taken great pride in its ability to maintain its members. We encourage all members who have not yet paid dues for 1988 to do so. The cost of a one-year renewal is \$10.

It has come to our attention that some members who paid their dues recently received notices to the contrary in the Fall bulletin. The membership committee

apologizes for any confusion. Our records have been reviewed and the necessary changes made. If you are unsure when your dues expire, check the number above your name on your mailing label. Your dues are current through December 31 of the designated year.

A Letter from a Stuart Staffer, circa 1936

In August, the OSA received a life membership application from Frederick C. Brems, an early member of the Stuart Staff. Our editors thought our members would enjoy reading the letter, particularly the list of names and camp assignments listed in it. The OSA is pleased to welcome Frederick into its ranks.

Dear Fellow "Staffer,"

Thanks to my friend and scout buddy, Frank Capos, I have just learned of the existence of the OSA. Frank and I had many happy scouting years with troop 150, Northwest District of Chicago.

A little personal history is probably in order. I was a charter member of Troop 150. I became the first Eagle who began his scouting career with the troop. I am a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and served as Chief of the Owaspippe Lodge, 1940-41. My term of office was interrupted by a call into the army in June of 1941.

I served on the staff at Camp Robert Stuart in 1936. George Schnier was Camp Director. I believe George Forest was his assistant, Don Johnson was his aquatic director, I believe Bob Krejci was Hikemaster, Andrew Hunter Whiteford as the Naturalist and I served as "plebe" with Whiteford. Bill Rohter was also served on staff and now my memory fails me. I think I served for another year under George Schnier. Then a year or 2 (?) at Camp Pioneer on Big Blue. John Lovett was Camp Director. Harvey Blank, his assistant(?) -- Harry Staats was hikemaster.

Frank sent me a copy of your August 1982 OSA *Vibrations*. I wish to join in the first avenue of membership, as a life member.

I will never forget the memorable days spent with "All the Wealth of Earth and Heaven" at Owaspippe !!!!

Sincerely Yours in Scouting,
Frederick C. Brems

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March 5
Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance
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Forest Park

May 20-22
Owasippe Spring Fix-IT
Staff Village

July 29, 30, and 31
Alumni/Staff Dinner Owasippe

August 28
Family Picnic TBA

September 24
Golf Outing TBA

October 7-10
Owasippe Fall Fix-IT &
Family Weekend Family Camp

November 25
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